News release

Bank Holiday update

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The weather in the UK never fails to throw up a surprise or two, especially around Bank Holiday weekends when most of us are lucky enough to have an extended break from work. This coming weekend is no exception, with weather patterns conspiring to give a complicated forecast for the UK.

In a word, the weather looks 'mixed' for much of the country. On the positive side, with the wind swinging round to the south, it certainly seems as if we are in for some warmer weather. The biggest headache for forecasters is predicting the amounts of cloud and sunshine that we will see.

It looks like Scotland and Northern Ireland are in for quite a few cloudy days with spells of rain or showers, but there will be some sunny spells developing as well.

The best of the brightness and the highest temperatures will give an early taste of summer across parts England and Wales, where we could possibly see 25 °C (77 °F) in the south-east on Sunday. There's always the chance of a sharp, thundery shower developing almost anywhere, and coasts may be quite misty at times, especially in the south.

To help plan your Bank Holiday weekend, check the latest forecast on the Met Office web site.

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